

# SPRAGUE ELECTRIC

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## MACHINE SHOP GRADUATES



From left to right: Raymond Bissaillon, Earl Williams, Russell Lanoue, Alfred Daldoss, President R. C. Sprague, John Gifford, Raymond Bass, Edward Dion. Raymond Magnoli was not present.

President R. C. Sprague was the principal speaker at the Machine Shop graduation which was held at Wenzel's Farm, Adams on April 10. Eight men were graduated and presented with certificates. About thirty-three were present at the dinner.

Jack Washburn was elected toastmaster and introduced the following speakers, all of whom extended congratulations and best wishes to the graduates: George Hall of the Brown Street Machine Shop; A. B. Lindquist, Machine Shop Foreman at Beaver; T. J. Rondeau and Vice-President Ernest Ward.

Mr. Sprague spoke briefly on the expansion of the plants which makes it impossible for him to know each man by name as he did back in 1931 when there were fewer names to remember. He reminded them of the important role they are playing in this machine age and wished them "God Speed". He told a story which caused much

laughter and which involved our personnel manager, Jack Washburn and sales administrator Neal Welch. The story goes that Jack and Neal used to work for a contractor and that they laid the foundation for the house in which Mr. Sprague now lives. When the day for laying a particular sewer pipe came along, the men were very interested in a baseball game which was being played that day and were in a hurry to get away to see it. They came across a big rock embedded in the ground, but did not take the time to dig it up; instead they made an elbow to go over it. Some time later the pipe topped up and had to be dug up and laid correctly.

After dinner movies were shown by Robert Sprague, Jr.

Members of the graduating class were: Raymond Bissaillon, Earl Williams, Russell Lanoue, Alfred Daldoss, John Gifford, Raymond Bass, Edward Dion and Raymond Magnoli.

## Cancer Fund Needs Help

The American Cancer Society reminds us that industry has a large stake in cancer control and urges us to give any amount, however small, to aid in the control of this dread disease.

Aside from the painful nature of cancer and the heartaches caused families, it is costly in the man-hours lost. The disease touches all who comprise industry — the captains and the workers, men, women and children.

The Society estimates that the price of cancer to the nation runs as high as two billion dollars a year — a staggering sum, as contrasted with the 16 million dollars sought by the Society. This money is needed to finance research, establish clinics and detection centers — where cancer can be diagnosed and treated early — and educate the public to safeguard themselves against the disease.

With each passing year the alliance between industry, research and the American Cancer Society against cancer has deepened. In its search for chemicals which will kill cancer, the Society has supported more and more research scientists in industry, particularly those manufacturing pharmaceuticals and testing new compounds for industrial usage.

"Cancer can be cured by two standard methods of treatment — surgery and radiation," the American Cancer Society states. "But, as a rule, it must be detected and treated in its early stages for either of these methods to be effective.

"Some chemicals have shown promise as a means of treating various kinds of cancer. But these are not regarded as cures by any means. Some of them lengthen the cancer patient's life — sometimes for only a month or so and sometimes for considerably longer periods. And some of them ease the

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## Television Expands As Newest Public Service

*We are indebted to Mr. Leon Podolsky for the technical information contained in the following article and to Miss Alice Hermann for assembling that information.*

The miracle of television, which has been accomplished and is rapidly expanding as the newest public service in the fields of education, news and entertainment, has been the result of many years of research and application of the science of electronics. The complexity of the television system can be understood if one realizes that sending pictures by television is not like taking a complete picture with a camera in one snap and sending these pictures through the air. In order to send a picture by television, it is necessary to break the picture down into a series of lines. What actually happens is that an electronic finger scans the picture from left to right with 525 lines in each picture.

Every little dot of light or shadow in each line is sent as a separate electrical impulse. Thirty such complete pictures per second are sent in the present television system. This is the equivalent of sending almost 5,000,000 separate little pieces of information through the air per second. In addition, a synchronizing signal, to keep the receiver in step with the transmitter; a signal to keep the correct balance between the darkest part of the picture and the brightest part, and another signal to blank out the electronic finger between the scanning lines are all sent through the air to make a single picture possible. The sound signals, which accompany the picture, are sent in a separate channel which is immediately adjacent to the picture channel.

In order to send this tremendous amount of information through the air, high frequency transmission must be used. High frequency waves, of the kind which are necessary, travel in almost straight lines like a beam of

light, and do not bend around the curvature of the earth like ordinary radio waves. This means that the antenna of the receiving set must be in a reasonably straight line with the antenna of the transmitter. Transmission of television signals over very large distances is not practical since mountains or large buildings between the transmitter and receiver cut the signal off. The higher the transmitting antenna can be put, the further around the curvature of the earth the signal can go, and the greater the number of people who can be served from a given transmitter. That is why television antennae are put on the tops of the highest mountains available, or on top of the highest buildings which can be found in big cities.

Television receivers have a much larger number of parts in them than ordinary radio receivers because many more special circuits are required to properly assemble the received picture and present it on the picture tube.

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## Kentucky Derby of Nationwide Interest

Horse racing is one of those things that is probably as old as time itself, but it's also one of the things that historians have been lax about recording. We do know that some of the old Greeks mention it in their writings and that in England, it has been an established fact since the 1500's. However, human nature being what it is, we can be safe in supposing that horse racing started when one man owned a horse and someone fairly near by owned a pony.

The early history of horse racing in America is vague, too. We can be reasonably sure that the sport which had been developing in England came with the colonists to our shores at an early date. It developed first among the southerners in Maryland, Virginia and the Carolinas where the cavalier spirit prevailed. Later, with the coming of the Dutch, it came to life in New York where some of our best tracks are now located.

The American thoroughbred of today is the result of our importing both stallions and mares of good blood from Europe and Asia for breeding purposes. So far as is known, the first thoroughbred brought from Europe was Bull Rock in 1730. From that time until the Revolutionary War, racing flourished in certain sections. But, with the coming of the war, importation of horses from England came to a halt and interest was not revived until peace came in 1783. After that, race courses were established all along the Atlantic Coast from New York to Savannah. Today we have some of the best race horses and tracks in the world and interest in racing is shared by thousands from coast to coast.

While there are many tracks nearer to us than the one at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky, it is appropriate to talk about the Kentucky Derby at this time since the race is run

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This is the picture of North Adams we promised you several weeks ago.

## EDITORIAL

What makes America the most wonderful country to live in today? As a country we have no monopoly on raw materials, geography, population, climate, or any of the other factors that usually make up a nation's economy. As a matter of fact, the almanacs will tell you that we have fewer people, and not as many natural resources as some other nations. The answer, of course, is that America produces. This does not mean that we as a group work harder than anybody else. Actually, we do not work as hard as workers in other countries. For example, your Russian factory worker, under the new Russian prices, has to spend the income of one hour and 18 minutes of labor for a quart of milk, which the average American gets in exchange for the price of 10 minutes of his work. A pound of butter costs the Russian 10 hours and 42 minutes; the American only 53 minutes.

Undoubtedly, we enjoy the highest standard of living of any nation. Once in a while, perhaps, we have a shortage or an inequity; perhaps, we lack production here or there, but if it does, our system of free enterprise goes to work to meet that demand. This system would bog down under heavy-handed statism. In Russia, for example, demand is no longer the basis of production. Profit is penalized, and no one receives the benefits of enterprise. Naturally, the people lose initiative and inventiveness, and consequently everyone suffers. But, here, in America, because we have the system of government we do, we are free to work, to invent, to initiate, and to experiment. Unhindered by the restrictions that in other nations tend to suppress any individual enterprise, an American can with hard work, good luck, and proper initiative, set up a business of his own.

We take all these things for granted, along with your vastly superior standard of living. But these privileges of ours exist because of basic principles that belong to our own country.

R. C. Sprague, Jr.

## Television Expands

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Because of the large amount of electrical equipment in a television set, a substantial amount of power is dissipated and heat generated and so creates a need for special component parts capable of operating at high temperatures. Sprague Electric Company has developed and has in production a new high temperature electrolytic capacitor designed for television receivers, and also its new line of molded paper tubular capacitors, which are also required. They also use high voltage resistors, and resistors with certain special windings called "non-inductive" to make them suitable for high frequency use. Sprague Koolohm and Spirameg resistors are being used in many popular television receivers for these purposes.

The programs presented on television are varied and they are being improved upon constantly. In this area, the stations usually start televising in the late afternoon, and continue for most of the evening. However, on occasion programs have been presented during the day if the event is of sufficient importance or of nationwide concern such as the President's recent message to Congress on Military Training.

Two programs that have certainly won their place in the heart of the nation's sport fans are the boxing matches and the wrestling matches from Madison Square Garden and St. Nicholas Arena in New York. It is interesting to note that attendance at these events has actually increased since the advent of television. Apparently, "the little woman" after seeing these events on the television set in the home has inveigled her husband to take her to them, so that now the audience is definitely on the feminine side. This enthusiasm isn't too hard to understand, but it certainly is amusing to see a couple of men before a ten inch television screen with each one urging his opponent to bigger and better punches.

Of course, there are shows designed specially for women such as cooking lessons, fashion shows, beauty contests, and other special events, but, like the men, the sports events such as hockey, basketball, as well as fighting and boxing, draw the biggest mixed audiences.

There is one show in particular designed for children that has met with great approval. That is the one called "Howdy Doody". This is a show built

around a lop-legged, mop-wigged puppet with a Snerdish grin who recently decided to run for President. It is no wonder that such a show designed entirely for children has met with such good response.

In addition to these programs designed for special audiences, there are the usual programs designed for the entire family. Just recently, the NBC symphony with Arturo Toscanini conducting started on a program all its own. This event has been a great boon to music lovers all over the country. They have also started to televise glimpses of productions in Broadway theaters. Recently they presented scenes from "Mister Roberts" and they hope to soon present glimpses of scenes from the play, "The Heiress". All these new programs are still in the experimental stage, but it does show a conscientious effort to improve the present programs. They have, in addition, news programs, film shorts, and full-length films quiz programs, and other events to round out an evening of entertainment in the home.

Most of these shows can be seen in this area for they are relayed from New York through Station WRGB on the top of Helderberg Mountain near Schenectady, New York. However, because of two intervening mountain ranges, the pictures or signal received is not satisfactory all the time, but it is hoped that some way will be found to bring television service to the very large number of people in this area who would really like to have it.



Patricia Ann and John Rohane, children of Gladys of Molded Tubulars and Councilman Robert Rohane.

## MARSHALL MUSIC

Carton Stock-room - Receiving Dept. -- Incoming Inspection

\*\*\*AS I SEE IT\*\*\*

Going thru the Carton stockroom this morning, I was amazed at the remarkable improvement which only Reggie Rowett could accomplish. The place just sparkles and sparkles, but most of all, just above his desk, in one corner of his looking glass, the sun shines brightest of all. Smiling down at him is a lovely picture of his current love.

Passing further down the line, I over-hear Charlie Bourdon, our good friend, the fisherman. At first, it sounds like a jumble of words—then, it begins to dawn. He's not mumbling, but thinking out loud. Once again, that far away, but determined look, "I'm going," he says, "where the water is deep, and the fish are big. Secret pool. My line stands a 25 lb. test. I'm really out to get them, this time." So what happens????? Charlie, whose intentions are good runs into double trouble. It seems, it's a very, very cold day. So cold that a piece of ice jams his reel. Exasperated, Charlie finally has it in working condition. Suddenly, he has a bite. As he reels it in, he discovers, a sucker. Charlie looks it square in the eye and says, "Well, bub, that makes two of us, a sucker on both ends."

The question of the moment is — will Fred Seddon get all tangled up in his line with his new spinning rod and reel?

It surely is spring. Frank Demarsio, who wears a hat at all times while working, has taken off his heavy woolen cap, and replaced it with a very soft, grey suede, airconditioned topper.

Walt Barnes has lost so much weight these past few weeks, that we have decided what he really needs this spring is a new pair of suspenders.

Bernard Levesque, has just purchased a new motorcycle. Watch your hats, folks. We begged and pleaded with him to sell the motor bike, so he pulls a fast one and comes forth with a motor-cycle.

As I pass further along the line, I hear - - - CARS CARS CARS — Viola Spagnola, "There's nothing like a hydramatic Oldsmobile."

Speed Theberge, "Guess I can take my chains off, now."

Miles Heath, "Maybe so, but my car needs a new paint job."

Bob Boyer, "I don't care, my Cheve, may not be the best looking car in the world, but it gets me there."



Sandra, Shirley and Fred, children of Gwendolyn Primmer of PAA and grandchildren of Daniel Primmer of Boiler Room.

## Maintenance

By Roy Caron

The other day down at the Brown Street Plant, George Coody of the Electrical Gang, started to smoke a pipe. With the help of his fellow workers, he lit it up. A little while later, he began to turn very white, so the fellows took the pipe away from him and said, "That's enough for today, George. Tomorrow you can try it again, if you're not sick and are able to come to work."

P.S. George came in to work the next day, smoked the pipe, and is now able to handle it quite well.

Sticking to the Electrical Gang, we have a story about Harold (Hot Shot) Bohl. Harold was coming down from his home, in the wilds of the North which is in the foothills of Mount Greylock, one Sunday night. As he drove along, he suddenly saw two large eyes shining at him. Slamming on the brakes of his Model A Ford, he came to a quick stop, his heart pounding wildly. The eyes still glared defiantly at him. He started the car and slowly inched down the road toward the horrible thing. Imagine his surprise and chagrin, when he discovered that those horrible eyes belonged to a little baby fox!

The fishing season will probably be open when you get this issue of the Log. According to all reports and stories, there won't be any fish left in the streams in two or three weeks time. Most of Sprague's ardent fishermen know exactly where to go, and know where the big ones are (the ones that got away). Good luck to the fishermen! And keep your feet dry.

We welcome back Forist McLain of the Millwright Gang who has been in the Army Maintenance Engineers for eighteen months. More on this in the next issue.

## D. T. C. News

by "Toots" Callahan

We welcome to our department, Dottie Hartman, Lucille Petrovica, Olive Coddair, Hazel Bross, Presioze Solari, Elmer Fountain, Arthur Heyes, Gerald LaVigna, Theresa Beaudin, and Edward Booth.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Betty Fletcher at the recent death of her mother.

I walked in where Margaret Taft was eating her noonday lunch. I asked what she was eating and her remark was frozen doughnuts with coffee. Would anyone be interested in the recipe, if so, inquire from Margaret.

Wonder why our supervisor, Stanley Janik smiles so much lately? Could it be the "newlook" Stan?



Richard John Smith, son of Dorothy Smith, formerly of Paper Rolling.

## OUR SAFETY CORNER



## What Comes with Spring?

Why cleanup of course—that's right! We have done a good job on house-keeping, but as time goes on many necessary changes are to be made in the new layouts and working conditions. The fact that we will have new employees unfamiliar with our working methods will mean additional house-keeping problems. Therefore more thought will have to be given to this particular phase of safety. We must keep in mind that good clean working areas go hand in hand with good production.

Let us start by spending at least five minutes a day while walking around the department checking the following points:

1. See that proper space is provided for safe storage of materials and refuse.
2. See that the aisles and passageways are kept clear and are not blocked at any time. This is a must.
3. Investigate your working areas. Are they tidy? Do you have a place for materials, tools, and refuse? And is everything in its place? Do your supervisors understand their responsibilities? If not, why not train them now.

## New Citizen

Benjamin Frank Mountford of Formation was one of seven people granted United States citizenship by Justice Raoul H. Beaudreau of Belmont in the naturalization session of superior court at Pittsfield on April 15, 1948. Mr. Mountford was a former British subject.

## Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Estes of 45 Avenue E have announced the engagement of their daughter, Norma, to Leo Pinsonneault son of Oscar Pinsonneault of Park Street, Adams. Miss Estes is employed in Mica.

## Marriages

Miss Helen Scarfone of PAA Rolling was married to Walter Anthony Golka on Saturday, April 3 at an eight o'clock mass in St. Anthony's Church.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Abuisi are the parents of a son born April 8. The mother is Rita of PAA Rolling.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scrivens, Jr., announce the birth of a son on April 5. The mother is Doris of Paper Rolling.

A son was born on April 6 to Mr. and Mrs. James Wynn. The father is with the Stockroom Department.



### Misc. Paper Finish

By Gert Hall

It looks as if the "New Look" has really invaded our department. Several of the girls are featuring flat hair styles and Stacia Szurek looks especially nice. Several of the girls are also wearing the skirts two and three inches longer. We can't really make up our minds whether we like this or not.

David Trombley couldn't be outdone by the girls' new hair styles so he went out and got himself one. (You have that "Naked City" look, David).

Ann Malloy attended the Adams Alerts' Ball. Isn't she lucky? Two formal in such a short time.

Dot Blanchard and Ruth Arrighini have taken a leave of absence to await the visit of a very long-legged bird.

We are very glad to hear that Ann Downey is at home, and is speeding on the road to recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Clara) Marceau have recently purchased a new home.

Poor Francis Chenail didn't get his driver's license. I still think he must have seen a blonde that's why he tried to jump the curb.

Did you hear the songbird of Sprague's? Mrs. Adele Solari is singing every Thursday on WMNB at 8:30. Not to brag, but we think she's pretty good.

Delores Bailey is dieting and already she tells us she lost several pounds. Keep it up, Delores.

Speedy recovery to Helen Harrington's husband who was recently confined to the hospital.

Bertha Jennings has a backache. I think she's just stalling so Larry will do the Spring cleaning.

### F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massacconi

Welcome back, Dot Potter! Conversation of dance floor: (Girl) "My, the floor is slippery." (Leonard Scarfone): "That's because I shined my shoes."

Ann Blasi seems to think a lot of Doug. He is nice. Does he have a twin brother, Ann?

Congratulations to Francis Messina (a former co-worker) on his recent engagement to Ronnie MacTavish.

### Can Shop

By Harry Trombley

Jimmie Scarbo claims he saw a fifteen inch trout jump into the pool under the bridge. When he told our personnel manager, Jack Washburn, about it, Jack said: "Now, Jim, that could have been a Schenley trout."

There seems to be a contest between Pinky Sherman and Louis Morocco of the Machine Shop as to who would make the best sweater girl.

We hope Cesare Spagnolo enjoyed his vacation. Too bad, Joe, that it's all over.

The Kiltie Band has made a ten strike in obtaining Bill Kilbride to learn the bagpipes. (Ann Blasi thinks it's wonderful).

It's almost time for Morandi to raffle off a chicken.

That stiff neck that Ernie Charbonneau has caused him to turn around in circles.

I wonder if we will have another softball league in the plant this year. That's great fun for us "has-beens".

Larry Daigault's favorite remark is: "I'm a firm believer in seeing is believing."

### F. P. Drys

By Florence Harris

Seen or heard in the F. P.'s:

Jack Faustini making speeches. Vivian Delisle's smile. The "new look" slacks on the welders.

Norman Remillard haranguing on the superiority of men over women.

June Bunting's songs (Incidentally, she blushes, too.)

A recent visitor to the Department, who attracted considerable attention, was ten months old Richard Remillard.

Welcome to our new night shift Arvilla Maxwell, Bessie Brown and Alice Burdick.

Early vacationers were Grace McConnell and Margaret Bay.

Anne Davine had interesting visitors recently. Relatives enroute from England to Australia by air, stopped to see her. They intend to make their home in Australia. Anne enjoyed the pictures and stories of England.

Our sympathy to Alice Senecal on the recent death of her father.

### Misc. Paper Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

A warm welcome to the newest members of our Department, Annis O'Neil, Nellie Jepson, Francis Morse, Aileen Kriel, and Albert Gagne.

Theresa Vono has been confined to her home by illness. Hurry and get well, Theresa, we miss you.

"Bobby" Clark is the latest lucky winner of our weekly pool.

Strolling in the baby parade one sunny day recently, we saw Ida Decoteau who is on leave with her young son. Ida proudly showed us "his royal highness" and said, "It's just wonderful!"

"Cassie" Gliwiski recently received a card from Frank Manns, formerly of this department, who is now living in Chicago. Frank writes things are fine with him in the Windy City.

### Centrifuge

By Harry Embry

Famous Weekends:

Ernest Foote is spending his weekends building a house.

Jack Sullivan spent the weekend in Boston.

Harvey Vallieres spent the weekend bailing out his cellar.

Oliver O'Dell spent the weekend at his camp in Hinsdale.

Norman Monette is going to raise the roof (on his house).

We wish to extend our sympathy to our former foreman, George Senecal, on the loss of his father-in-law.



Jo Anne, five-year-old daughter of Sam and Mary Troia. Mary is in Paper Rolling.

### Engineering Specs

By H. Goodale and D. Mancuso

Francis "Tank" Wilson has returned to work after a pleasant week of Spring skiing at Mt. Tremblant in Canada. Other guests at the same lodge included Lowell Thomas and his son, both of whom "Tank" found to be entertaining conversationalists.

Ernie Purpura is sitting pretty these days with that new car of his. Now that he has changed his two door for a four door he says he's enjoying giving his right arm a rest from tipping up the right front seat to let passengers into the back.

Ray Lamoureux attended the wedding of Gloria Arabia to his brother-in-law, Donald Rougeau which was held April 3rd at St. Anthony's church. The reception was held at the Clarksburg Sportman's Club.

A group of ten girls recently attended the season's first "Monday Night" at Fort Massachusetts where they enjoyed good food and spent a pleasant evening.



### Prokar Dept.

by Carol Bellard

If we take:

Gert Field's — hair  
Eleanor Perron's — eyes  
Doris Tyler's — nose  
June Brown's — smile  
Jackie Miller's — complexion  
"Billie" Belanger's — figure  
Helen Bradshaw's — clothes  
"Dot" Whipple's — clothes  
and put them together, wouldn't we have a nice dream girl for Paul Bergeron?

We all miss "Vicky" Phaneuf and hope she will be well and back to work soon.

We all hope Margaret Pedercine has an enjoyable vacation.

Birthday greetings to Marion Duprea and "Jackie" Miller.

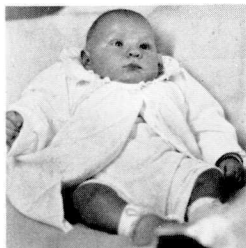
### PAA. Wrap. and Dip Solder

by Little Iodine

Signs of Spring in our department. Ray Trimarchi tells us she has a good start on her Spring housecleaning. Where did you get the energy? Peggy Daub would like to take a nice long walk someday and forget to return. Would it be to take in Nature's sights? Mary Ann Trotter wishes she could really get a good start on a day's work. Are you forgetting it's Spring, and everyone gets that certain feeling.

Marie De Marsico doesn't seem to know what time of day it is or where she is supposed to work. Could it be that she's in love and that her sailor has returned to his ship. That's life, Marie.

Evelyn Sherman is seriously thinking of taking up fishing so she can get in a lot of relaxation, but who is she going to get to put the worm on the hook. P.S. They say, a good fisherman does it himself.



Robert David Canedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Canedy. Bobby is the nephew of Laddie Mirante of PAA Rolling.

### SANTELLI STAG PARTY



Andy Girgenti presenting Arthur Santelli with a purse of money at the Stag Party Dinner.

Seventy-five fellow workers and friends attended a stag party on April 13, at the Venice Grill in honor of our great lover Arthur (Wash) Santelli who is to be married on April 19 to Miss Helen Demers.

This was the largest gathering ever to be held by the Maintenance Gang, and was a tribute to Wash's popularity. A good chicken dinner with all the trimmings, and then spaghetti, was served.

Mr. Charles Wilson of the Brown Street Plant introduced Mr. Fred Rogers, the toastmaster for the evening, and a close friend of the guest of honor. Fred did a good job in calling on the majority of guests for speeches. All responded by wishing the best of luck and happiness to Wash and his future bride.

Some of the notables present were: Carl Vaughn who gave out with a solo and later led the group in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow"; John Pedro who gave up a night of teaching English just to come and make a few remarks; Charlie (Wing Wong) Wilson,

our laundry man, who always does a swell job speaking as well as washing; Angelo Mastrianni (the Little Flower) or the little man with the big appetite; Charlie Dean and his new tie which the B & M want to use to flag their fast trains; John Rossi who takes credit for introducing Wash and his fiancée.

Eating honors will be decided later. At present Bill Falcon, John Pedro and Angelo Mastrianni are tied for first place.

After the speaking, Andy Girgenti presented "Wash" with a purse of money from the boys and one from the Venice Grill. Wash thanked the boys for their past help and kindness and for the best wishes they had bestowed upon him and his future bride.

We have found out who asked who. Wash, on applying for the license, was asked by the clerk, "Hunting or Fishing?" The reply was, "Heck, no, I've been hunting and fishing for the last three years. I want a marriage license."

Al Horsfall

### PAA. Rolling

by Rita Siciliano

Our deepest sympathy to Vi Dupuis on the recent death of her beloved father, Mr. Sumislaus Roy.

If the gang in the Wire Coating Department hear any tapping on the floor, that is just an hello in code to Eva Faour who has been transferred to that department.

Bernice Duperault, Lillian Goff, Marianna Hannafin, are also sporting the new short hairdos. All eyes are now turned to Tom Lavigne and Tillie Mendel to see if they will follow suit.

### Molded Tubulars--2nd Shift

by Gladys Kirkpatrick

Ruth Richmond received the surprise of her life one day recently. Ruth is quite an ardent match cover collector, as we all know, so when the express truck drove up to her house — lo, and behold, nothing less than a case of matches all the way from Wisconsin. That's what we call a big delivery. Incidentally, that was her wish for that day in the "Wishing Well".

Congratulations to Ann Douglas who celebrated her 19th wedding anniversary on April 13th.

Rose Canero held a party at her home recently and a grand time was had by everyone. When it comes to cooking Rose is tops, especially her pizzas and crispatellis. Yum-yum.

What were Rachel and Tom searching for on their hands and knees. Were you looking for a four-leaf clover, by any chance?

Congratulations to Tom Doyle and his wife who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on April 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Doyle and party motored to Pittsfield where they enjoyed a theatre and dinner party.

### Wire Coating

By Betty Jangrow

Seems like old times to have some of our former co-workers back. A hearty welcome to Therese Hewatt, Joe Zona and Bill Sheldon. Hope you enjoy Wire Coating. We're just a big, happy family.

We hope that our friend and former foreman, Laurence Haskins, is feeling better. Best of luck, Larry, in your new position.



Marion Pearl Monette, daughter of Norman Monette of Centrifuge and of Alice of Prokar.

FISHING SEASON OPENS



Al Horsfall in his spare time. The picture was taken by his son, Eddie.

Well, by this time, all enthusiastic Isaac Walton's have at least thrown out the lines for the brown, native and rainbows that lurk in the brooks and outlying streams. When the first of April appeared and with the opening of the season just two weeks away, even the veteran anglers said that this would undoubtedly be the best in years for ideal conditions. But Alas! Only two days prior to the big day, Old Mother Nature stepped in and after a real wintry day deposited anywhere from 2 to 6 inches of sleet and snow that not only dampened the area but the hearts of the ardent anglers as well. Yes, the

season is now open but the fishing is now far from ideal and has set the season back just about 2 weeks. We haven't heard much from local results except what we have read in the papers, but we do know that on opening day, George Scarbo of the Machine Shop took 8 beauties, Bob Garner, who was with him and was a former employee, caught the limit — 12. Jack Shield, foreman of the Industrial Oils Rolling, also reported in with an even dozen. On Saturday, yours truly was rather fortunate and took home 12 rainbows.

Kenny Russell

Kentucky Derby

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each year on the first or second Saturday in May and is considered to be America's supreme spectacle. If any horse-loving southerner is ever going to be homesick, it's just about now when he knows that the sun is shining a little brighter and the horses running a little faster in Old Kentucky.

The Derby began in 1875 when Aristides won a \$2,850 purse and has continued without a break ever since. The track at Churchill Downs is one of the fastest in the world. Until 1896 it was a 1½ mile track; at that time it was changed to a 1¼ mile track and is still set at that. The Downs itself is a 180 mile park-like tract of the Kentucky Jockey Club in Louisville. The white Clubhouse, with its green trim, appears to have remained unchanged since 1875. The grandstands face the blue-grass lawn of the infield which is dotted with beds of flowers, shrubs and small trees. This is enclosed by the white guardrail of the mile oval. Beyond the oval are the green and white barns against a background of tall forest trees. Under the grandstands are the pari-mutuel betting machines, pay-off windows, offices and the cafe. To the right is the clubhouse. There are those who boast of always having a "box" at the Derby, but they are not those who go to see or feel the races; perhaps they are the ones who go to see and be seen, for the Derby has always been a social event as well as a sportsman's delight. In the old days, it was more of a political confab than now. It is said that, for years, no governor was ever elected in Kentucky without having the support of the Jockey Club where politicians from all over the state got together once a year to talk politics and see the races.

The Derby is open to three-year-olds and counts among its winners such famous horses as Bubbling Over (1926), time 2:03⅓ and War Admiral (1937), time 2:03⅓. Until 1940 the largest purse won at the Derby was \$55,375. In 1940 Gallahadian's purse was \$60,150 and in 1946 Assault came through to win \$96,400.

Once again the entries are being made and the race is being planned.

But there is a difference. This year, those of us who are fortunate enough to have television sets can turn them on and watch the race from our arm chairs. For years we have thrilled to the voice of Clem McCarthy as he relayed the spectacle to us by radio—now we can see it. It should afford an added thrill to know that some of the parts we make here at Sprague's will be instrumental in bringing the show to us, whether it be by radio or television.

(Now we turn the microphone over to our sports experts, Al Guisti and Kenny Russell who will give us a birds eye view of the possible winners for 1948).

Hoof Beats

The Derby this year is headed by Calumet Farms—studded stars—of *Bewitch*, *Citation* and *Coaltown*. These thorough-breds are tops. For this years run, the Calumet Farms has engaged the veteran and foremost jockey in the country, Eddie Arcaro. He has had his choice on any of the three mounts listed above and he has chosen *Citation*. Ironically enough, last year "Eddie" had the same opportunity to pick his mount and wound up second behind his stable-mate entry—Devil Diver.

Competition for the Calumet Farms will be given by *My Request* winner of her last 3 starts. These were all impressive wins but for this coming race she will lose the expert guidance of Eddie Arcaro who has ridden this filly to her last 3 victories.

*Saggy*, conqueror of *Citation* in a 6 furlong sprint is another favorite.

*Royal Blood* shows great promise especially on a muddy track as shown by a great victory just recently on a N. Y. track.

Here is some of the other contenders in the field: *Riverlane*, *Big Dial*, *Starbout*, *Mister Ace* and *Spats*.

Here are some of the outstanding jockeys who will be assigned mounts for the event—*D. Dobson*, *T. Atkinson*, *B. Permane*, *J. Longdon*, *J. Westrope*, *J. Adams*, and others, all veterans of the saddle.

Brown Street Briefs

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Resistors - Midget Tubulars

By Della Keating

Marguerite Todd has that lucky new look these days since she won a thousand dollars.

"Red" Czerwinski and his wife spent a pleasant weekend in Boston recently.

Best wishes to Cecelia Duda on her marriage April 17.

Betty Battersby is again a proud grandmother — another grandson.

Who is the walking man? Ask Ceil Shanahan.

Gene Donovan was recently the belle of the Holy Name Ball.

Stacia Meczywor has a new look in her eye. Could it be love?

"Steffe" Leja spent the weekend in New York. While there she attended the Jamaica races.

A speedy recovery to Alice Haddad. It is nice having Eleanor Carlow back with us.

Molded Tubulars--Day Shift

by Josephine Campedelli

The girls from the Molded Tubular line had a pink and blue shower for Jane Dobbert Friday evening at the home of Gladys Rohane. A delicious buffet lunch was served by the hostess.

Helen Baxter and Catherine Letalien entertained with a duet. Elouise Lewis told some old stories of the South in her delightful southern accent, and Olive Simon and Virginia Morin were the hit of the party with their folk dancing. A wonderful time was had by all and we are all looking forward to another party soon.

It certainly is quiet without Beatrice Boucher and Angie Pontier. Hurry back from your vacation, girls!

We wonder why Mary Dean goes home to dinner every noon. Do you know, Helen Baxter?

"Willie" Gotzens is back after a month's leave of absence for illness. It is very nice to have her back.

Mae Williams, who is attending school at Northampton, spent her Easter vacation with her sister, Ruth, at home.

Josephine Torchia is back at work after spending a week's vacation in Pittsburgh.

Poor Norman McWilliams has had an unlucky week, and to top it all off, the other day he came in with his ear all cut from shaving. What next, Mac!

Cancer

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terrible pain and even make it possible for some cancer patients to continue a useful and productive existence.

"We are now financing scores of research scientists in their efforts to find chemicals that will kill cancer without damaging normal tissues and organs, to devise means of detecting cancer easily and early (like a blood test) and to learn how to prevent cancer.

"Considerable progress already has been made. The lock on the iron door to cancer's secrets has been sprung. A great deal of work remains to be done before cancer can be controlled. But with continued public support, the American research scientists can do the job."

When your hose must 'jump' across a shrub or flower bed stand a spading fork in the ground and put the hose thru the handle. This support will protect your plants and save unnecessary wear on your hose. Better Homes & Gardens also suggests that it is wise to soften the hose by running warm water thru it for a few minutes before using it for the first time in the spring.

SPORTS . . . . Kenny Russell

By Peter Mancuso

The cyclists of the country are now busy cleaning, assembling, adjusting, painting, and oiling their bicycles. In the other words, getting ready to hit the highways.

Each year bicycle accidents cost hundreds of lives, and bring injury to thousands of people. There are now more automobiles on the streets and highways, and as the season of cycling approaches there is a greater danger of injury.

There are rules and regulations for bike riding, just as there are rules and regulations for motor vehicles. These rules and regulations are for the cyclist's own protection, and they are as follows:

1. Unless the bicycle you have is built for two, never carry a passenger. An extra person makes the steering very uncertain and it is very easy to unbalance the bike.
2. One of the most dangerous things a bicycle rider can do is to "hitch on", or cling to trucks or cars. If the car should stop suddenly or turn quickly without giving a signal, the bicycle rider may be severely injured.
3. Riding two or three abreast is a dangerous habit. Always ride single file.
4. Don't ride at night without a front light and a red reflector or light at the rear of the bike. Also have a bell or some other means of warning others of your approach.
5. Don't ride out of alleys and driveways without stopping to see that the sidewalks and streets are clear.
6. It is very dangerous to "trick" ride on the streets. A stone or a defect in the road may cause a spill.
7. Traffic regulations should be obeyed. Stop for traffic lights and stop signs. The same rules and regulations that govern cars in traffic also govern bicycles.
8. When parking your bike, don't leave it on the sidewalk. Park it against a building if there is no bike rack.

Bicycling can be a great and healthful sport, and one that can be enjoyed and appreciated if these rules are kept.

Tamping soil firmly is a "must" for successful pot gardening. Water then will spread thru the entire ball of soil rather than run down quickly thru a crack in the soil, says Better Homes & Gardens magazine.

Bowling

Sprague Men's

Bowling League Standing

(As of April 15, 1948)

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Lunch Room.....	65	16	.892
I. C. W. No. 2....	60	21	.740
Can Shop Press....	46	35	.561
Machine Shop....	43	38	.530
Centrifuge.....	38	43	.479
F. P. Drys.....	34	47	.419
Can Shop.....	19	62	.234
Mach. Shop App.	19	62	.234

Strike Leaders on Each Team

Name and Team	Strikes
J. Lipa—Lunch Room.....	29
L. Morocco, Mach. Shop.....	19
A. Woloski—I. C. W. No. 2....	18
R. Sherman—Can Shop Press...	16
A. Montgomery—Centrifuge...	16
L. Daignault—Can Shop.....	14
F. Segala and F. Messina —	
F. P. Drys.....	11
A. Brown—Machine Shop App.	10

Team Strikes

(As of April 15, 1948)

Team	Strikes
Lunch Room.....	112
I. C. W. No. 2.....	89
Machine Shop.....	79
Centrifuge.....	73
Can Shop Pressmen.....	70
F. P. Drys.....	60
Machine Shop App.....	58
Can Shop.....	56

Top Ten Bowlers

(As of April 15, 1948)

(Have rolled at least one-half of all strings rolled.)

Name and Team	Ave.	Strings
J. Lipa—Lunch Room...	102.	78
R. Sherman—C. S. P....	98.7	75
L. Siciliano—Mach. S....	97.1	62
F. Fortini—Centrifuge..	97.	54
G. Forgea—Lunch Room	97.	69
T. Woloski—I.C.W.No.2	96.7	65
F. Santelli—I.C.W.No. 2	95.8	66
L. Morocco—Mach. S...	95.4	75

High Team Single—I.C.W. No. 2 555  
High Team Total—I.C.W. No. 2 1600  
High Individual Single—L. Segala 146  
High Individual Triple—J. Lipa 362

When you transplant seedlings, handle them by the seed leaves only. If you grasp your seedlings by their stems, you are almost certain to bruise them warns Better Homes & Gardens magazine. Seed leaves are the first leaves to appear, and they are thicker and tougher than the leaves that develop later.

HOUGHTON SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM UNDEFEATED



Top row: From left to right: Assistant Coach [Thibert, Yarter. Roy (son of Frances of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly, and Fred of F. P. Assembly), Strange, Durant, Yeaton, Coach Coughlin. Middle row: Anderson, Gould, Shaker, Sprague, Pernick, Senecal. Bottom row: Vidal (son of Agnes of Prokar) and Marceau, (son of Ursula of Dry Rolling.)